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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Director's Meeting with Chairman Lucien Nedzi,
Intelligence Subcommittee of House Armed Services,
and Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel.

1. Today I accompanied the Director who made a courtesy call on Chairman Nedzi in which Chief Counsel Frank Slatinshek also participated. In response to Mr. Nedzi's questions, the Director outlined his views, concepts and general plans for the intelligence community and CIA. He explained in somewhat more detail his reasons and plans for major changes in the intelligence community staff. Mr. Nedzi and Mr. Slatinshek offered no serious objection, but did register the opinion that in their experience the Agency had been consistently more professional, reliable and accurate in its intelligence reporting and estimating than had the military.

2. Mr. Nedzi was interested in the extent to which the Director would devote his time to community matters and delegate direction of the Agency. The Director explained he would indeed allocate more time to the community than had his predecessor, but so far his main efforts had been focused on some immediate Agency problems including, in addition to the IC Staff, some shake up in the DDO.

3. Mr. Nedzi was interested in the press stories stemming from the Ellsberg trial about major differences and distortions in OB estimates in Vietnam. The Director explained that these stories were somewhat exaggerated but we would be glad to bring over the experts and go into detail. Mr. Slatinshek indicated that Subcommittee hearings on the subject are being considered.

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4. We also discussed our problems with [redacted] and police training, and the Director explained why, in present circumstances, with the drug problem, Arab terrorism, etc., it was impractical to try to draw too fine a line at the water's edge, and therefore he felt it important for the Agency to retain a little flexibility to cooperate with local law enforcement authorities.

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5. Mr. Nedzi said he would be interested in hearings at some future date on the Agency's activities within the U.S. in general, which we said we would welcome.

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